



Newsletter #19 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 29 November 2019

*E ara ake ana i te ūruhi*  
*Rising Above The Ordinary*

## ***From The Acting Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki***

Can you believe there are just over two weeks left before the end of the year? In addition to the usual studio happenings, staff and students are finishing off assessments and preparing for the celebrations and key events happening over the next two weeks.

The Year 8's will celebrate the end of their primary schooling with their formal on Thursday 12th December. This is always a much anticipated event for them. Our Leavers Assembly on Tuesday 17th December will be our chance to acknowledge their contributions to our school and to hear from them about their time at Rāwhiti. There are always lots of laughs and tears!

At our annual Showcase Assembly on Monday 16th December we will see performances from our kapahaka ropu, Pasifika group, the band, students who have been having singing lessons or learning instruments, and the staff item.

Each studio will finish the year with a Poroporoaki on Wednesday 18th December. Parents and whanau are all invited to shared morning tea before coming together for the farewell ceremony. It is a chance for everyone present to acknowledge, express their thoughts and thanks, feelings and opinions and to reflect on the school year.

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## **Mark Your Calendar**

### **DECEMBER**

- 2nd Chromebook Info Session for Parents, 6pm
- 3rd "Welcome To Rāwhiti" Party
- 4th Canterbury Athletics
- 5th Last Tech Session for Y7/8s
- 6th Y0-1 Fun Athletics Day
- 6th Y7/8 Top Team Challenge
- 11th Rongo-Ma-Tane Picnic at Thomson Park
- 12th Last day for PTA Christmas Raffle money to be handed in
- 12th Reports and 2020 Information Coming Home
- 12th BOT Meeting
- 12th Year 8 Formal
- 13th Rumbustification Day!
- 13th Last day of Amplify Music Lessons
- 14th New Brighton Christmas Parade
- 16th Showcase Assembly
- 16th Ata Hapara Whanau Christmas Party, 3.30pm—5.00pm
- 17th Leavers Assembly, 6pm
- 18th Poroporoaki including shared morning tea in each studio, 11am  
\* All whanau welcome\*
- 18th SCHOOL FINISHES, 12.15pm



## ***From The Acting Principal continued ...***

All dates are listed in the calendar on the front page and can be found on the website. If you are able, we would love to see you at these events to help us acknowledge and celebrate our students' achievements and to share the many talents of Rāwhiti.

### **School Environment Awards**

We often hear positive comments from visitors and families about our grounds. We are certainly proud of the beautiful environment we are lucky to have here at school, so it was great to have this recognised by the Keep Christchurch Beautiful (KCB) School Environment Awards. Georgina, Nigel and some of our keen gardening students received these awards on our behalf at the KCB annual award ceremony.



### **What Now**

It was awesome to see so many of our students and parents who braved the early morning start to be part of the live broadcast of What Now, and who so willingly got gunged and foamed! Thanks to the PTA who had the barbecue breakfast and coffee ready.

### **New Brighton Christmas Parade**

As part of their inquiry work around building community connections, students from Ata Hapara will be walking in the New Brighton Christmas Parade on Saturday 14th December at 10:30am, singing waiata and spreading their messages about the importance of te reo Maori.

### **Swimming**

The pool is open and students have been enjoying timetabled sessions with their studio, class pool parties and for our older students a lunchtime splash to cool off. A reminder to please name your child's togs, towels and goggles. If items are left in the changing shed, they will be collected and placed outside the office on a Friday afternoon. **Please note, the pool is not open to the community over the summer.**

### **Ballet**

Last Friday a group of Year 7 & 8 students were lucky to go to the Royal New Zealand's ballet 'Hansel & Gretel' at the Isaac Theatre Royal. Thanks to the Farina Thompson Charitable Trust and the Ballet Foundation of New Zealand for their generous support, and inviting our students to be part of this event.



### **Tabloid sports**

Our Year 3 & 4 students had a great time at Ascot Park last week participating in a range of Tabloid sport activities run by Shirley Boys' High PE students. It was great to see our children trying different challenges and encouraging others. There are photos of the day later in the newsletter.

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## *From The Acting Principal continued ...*

### **Year 7 & 8 Adventure week**

All Year 7 & 8 students will be involved in an Adventure Week for the week of 9-12 December. Students will be involved in a number of activities and challenges both in school and venturing into the wider community. There is a variety of activities on offer, and students should have brought home a notice with their particular choices and the costs outlined. The week will conclude with a trip to Jellie Park.

Payment for the adventure week is due in full no later than **Friday 6th December**.

### **Outstanding books/sport uniforms**

If you have any library books, reading books or outstanding sports uniforms at home, please ensure they are returned to school by the end of the year.

### **Junior Christmas Disco**

Thank you to everyone who has donated dog food or supported the disco fundraiser. The proceeds from the disco are going to DogWatch to help feed abandoned dogs in our community and for equipment to keep them healthy such as scales and agility equipment. Well done to Holly, Callum, Riley & Matthew for organising the junior disco to support this cause.

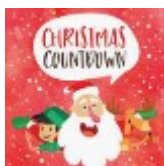
### **Juicies**

Phew, it's getting hot out there ... perhaps a nice cold juicy to cool you down? Tangaroa are selling Juicies for \$1 each. Orders to the office please by Thursday 5th December. Juicies will be delivered to studios on Friday 6th December.



*E hara taku toa i te toa takitahi engari he toa takimano kē*  
(Strength is not the individual but the whole)

**Helen Parata**  
**Acting Principal**



**Parent Help**  
The Parent and Family Support

**FREE PARENTING HELPLINE** **ALL ISSUES ALL AGES** **www.parenthelp.org.nz** **0800 568 856**

Parent Help is a non-profit organisation that supports parents in New Zealand by operating a free parenting helpline for parents and caregivers. The helpline provides personalised, practical support and strategies to parents and caregivers on a diverse range of parenting issues and challenges.

## Principals Awards

### Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki



#### Rongo-mā-tane

Aria x3, Ashleigh x2, Maddie x5, Tyler W, Sakura x2, Kobe x3, Jeremiah x5, Kimmy x2, Anika x3, Thea, Lilia x2, Vinnie x2, Luca C x3, Moses, Harper x3, Kera, Lyah L, Sanchia, Liam C, Azalea-Rose, Emil, Tupara, Kingston, Jake L.

## SUCCESS@Rāwhiti

Congratulations to Paul, one of our Deputy Principals who has been on study leave this year, for completing his Masters of Education and for passing his thesis on Challenging Behaviours.



As mentioned in the opening blurb, Georgina and some of our students recently received the following awards from the Council: "Caretaker Award", "Waste Minimisation and Recycling Environmental Award" and a "Highly Commended School Environment Award". Well done Georgina and team!



And congratulations to Charlotte J who has been accepted as a 2020 NZHL Race Ambassador—more on this race later in the newsletter.

## Senior Jacket 2020

If your Year 6 child is continuing at Rāwhiti School for Year 7 they should have brought a notice home with information about purchasing a senior school jacket for 2020. Any questions about the senior jackets, contact Cheryl in the office or email her on [exec@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:exec@rawhiti.school.nz)



## Rumbustification Day— Friday 13th Dec



This is a fun, picnic day event to help our children celebrate the end of the school year. All the fun will take place here at school.

Children will come to their Learning Studio as usual in the morning and are allowed to wear mufti. They are also to bring: togs, rash top, towel, sunblock, morning tea, lunch and their school hat.

## Considering Purchasing A Chromebook Through The New Scheme?



If you are considering purchasing a Chromebook for your Y4-8 child in 2020 through the financing option, [CLICK HERE](#) for further details on what the repayments would look like.

For details on the 3 ways you could purchase a Chromebook [CLICK HERE](#).

An information session will be held on Monday 2nd December at 6pm in the library for those that are interested in more information.



**More SUCCESS@Rāwhiti**

Congratulations to a group of students from Papatūānuku known as the Ōtautahi Crafters. Their entry called The Red Zone came 2nd in the MADE Awards 2019, Year 1 – 3 Interface, Documentary category. It was a really wonderful surprise to hear The Red Zone came 1st in the Jenny Griggs Creativity Award. The [MADE Awards](#) (Movies and Digital Excellence) is a National competition that receives over 400 entries in a range of categories.

For the Digi Awards the students had to cut the movie down to meet the 3-minute time limit. This is the 'real' movie the students created. Click here to view [The Red Zone](#).

**Learn, Create, Share**

The Ōtautahi Crafters used their personal blog to share their experience. You can check out some of their blogs below or [click here](#) to find all the links to their blogs.

[Jazmin](#)[Noah S](#)[Mason](#)[Everley](#)**Wero Putiputi**

We had a group of students from Ata Hāpara, Tāne mahuta and Tāwhirimātea who developed a prototype for a game using Bee-Bots. Their entry 'Wero Putiputi' was placed 3rd in the MADE Awards for the Year 4 -6 Interface Documentary category. [Click here](#) to view their entry.



Their entry relates to the new digital technologies area that will be introduced into schools in 2020. They used Bee-Bots to design and create a digital outcome (a game), yet when students play the game they are using computational thinking skills. This game will be developed further in 2020 and they will make good use of the new 3D printer.

## Rāwhiti School Library

It's really great to see students enjoying the library space. This year we've had the largest amount of books reserved and a variety of students who want to take books home for the holiday break.

**All school library books are now due back to the library.**

The library will be closed lunchtime Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December to Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December. This is so the annual stocktake can be completed. Once finished the library will open from Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December to Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December the library will be open 2.30pm – 3.30 pm if you want to come along with your child/children to get books out for the holidays.

**Search our library catalogue - [library.rawhiti.school.nz](http://library.rawhiti.school.nz)**

Remember each child can login to the library Web App with their library number and password.

Students also have access to about 1,500 eBooks! They use their library number and password to access the Wheelers ePlatform...borrowing is easy!

If you have lost your login please contact: [suea@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:suea@rawhiti.school.nz)

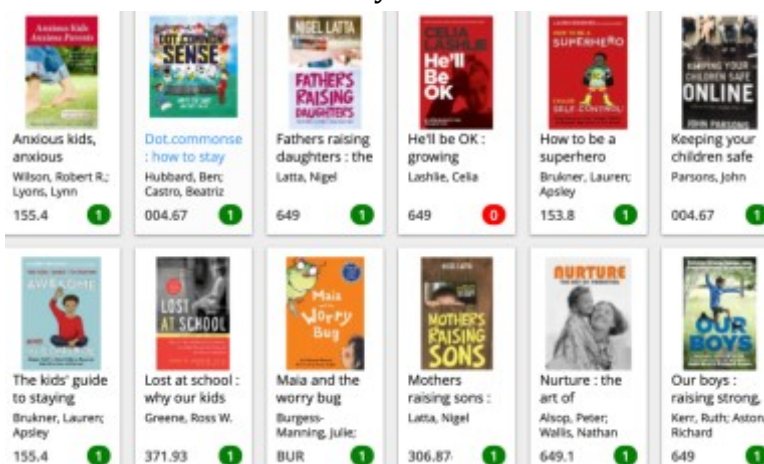
**eBooks - <https://rawhitischool.wheelers.co/>**

(ebooks also show in our library Web App when searched and have a direct link to the ePlatform)



## Parent library

Visit [library.rawhiti.school.nz](http://library.rawhiti.school.nz) and search 'Parent Library.' You'll see the books we have available if you want to borrow one or two of them over the holidays.



## Tāwhirimātea Kids Do Mash Tough Kids

On Thursday 21st November, 39 of the Tāwhirimātea students spent an awesome afternoon at Mash Tough Kids, South Brighton Domain. The children had to navigate many obstacles of mud, bubbles and water spread over 2.7 km. A great time was had by all and the children were absolute troopers!



## XRACE 2020



Is your family interested in joining with other Rāwhiti whanau to be part of the XRACE event in March 2020? XRACE is a mystery adventure race which challenges family against family in a friendly competition. Parent and child aged 6-14 must race together, side-by-side against the clock and other family teams by completing all 10 mystery challenges.

XRACE is being held at Thomson Park (Rāwhiti Domain Rugby Fields 1-3) on either Saturday 14 March, 2pm-4pm or Sunday 15 March, 10am-12pm.

Our school has received a \$20 discount for our teams - all you need to do is go to <https://www.xrace.co.nz/locations#location-list> and register your family team and at the checkout, use the promotional code **RAWHITI20** to gain your discount. Make sure to list our school at the checkout. Even better, you can share this promotional code with your friends and family - just list our school at the checkout. Any queries Rose Jamieson (one of our parents) is coordinating for our school.

## New Christmas Jingle

Check out this new Christmas song released by by one of our parents, Jenny Payne (also our singing tutor) as part of Itty Bitty Beats with Suzy Cato. There are some Rāwhiti children in the video and it's filmed here in New Brighton.

### [CHRISTMAS IN SUMMER VIDEO](#)





### Summer Learning Journey—Keep Your Y3-8 Child's Brain Ticking Over During the Holidays

The *Summer Learning Journey* is a free, blogging programme available for Y3-8 students and the purpose is to provide our young people with an opportunity to continue to actively engage in literacy learning during the holidays.

To support this programme we will allow our students to register during the first week of December. From the 9th—13th of December once they are registered students will be able to participate in a specially designed teaser for the *Summer Learning Journey*.



[CLICK HERE](#) to watch the programme in action on Seven Sharp recently.

For further information, please see the [Parents FAQ page](#) of the *Summer Learning Journey* website.



#### Vote For A Logo!

We need a logo for our cluster. Help us by voting for your favourite.

**Te Ara Tūhura:** Meaning: 'The Path to Discover'

**Our Vision:** 'Everyone preparing ākonga for the future, together'; Atawhai ki te iwi - 'Care for the People'

**Who are we?** - [Cluster Background](#)

We have had a number of students come up with their own designs for a cluster logo. They have submitted their entries and we have come up with five finalists.

[Check out the logos and descriptions here](#)

We now want you to help us choose one for the Te Ara Tūhura Cluster. Please vote for your favourite!

[VOTE HERE](#)



#### Weetbix TRYathlon



If your child is interested in doing the Weetbix TRYathlon next year [CLICK HERE](#) to register or contact Courtney in Papatuanuku with any queries.

The date for this event is:

Sunday 23rd February 2020

Jellie Park, Burnside

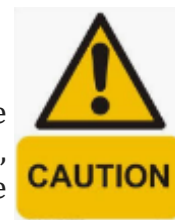
#### EVENT DISTANCES

##### Individual

Age Group	Swim	Cycle	Run
6 years:	50m	—	1.5km
7 years:	50m	4km	1.5km
8-10 years	100m	4km	1.5km
11-15 years	150m	8km	1.5km

#### Driveway Reminder

Please keep safe and use the pathways, not the driveway, when walking in and out of the school grounds.





# Congratulations!

Emma Lineham from Papatuanuku for correctly guessing  
293 lollies in the jar!

A huge well done to Lincoln Robinson-Watson from Tawhirimatea  
for all his excellent work in the guess the lollie fundraiser -  
raising \$38.50 towards this years Christmas hampers!

Thank you Sheena Robinson for all the time and effort you put in  
organising the guess the lollie fundraiser, and  
Harcourts Gold Parklands for sponsoring the sausage sizzle!



## Community Notices – Ngā pānui a te hāpori

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**FAMILY  
MOVIE  
NIGHT**

### Family Movie Night

### Saturday 30th November

BYO Dinner from 5.45pm  
Movie begins at 6.30pm  
Bring your own bean bag

Snacks and Drinks available for purchase.

@ 180 Queenspark Drive - in the  
Community Hall

## \* Parklands Christmas in the Park \*

**SUNDAY 15TH  
DECEMBER  
4 PM - 7 PM**

**Parklands Reserve**

Family Fun for Everyone  
BBQ Tea, Inflatables, Driveworld, Pedalmania,  
Craft, Face Painting,  
Mr Whippy and much, much more!







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**2019 GLOBAL CHRISTMAS**

**7TH DECEMBER 2019 | 6PM - 10PM**  
**RAY BLANK PARK, MAIDSTONE RD**

A SMORGASBORD OF CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION FROM AROUND THE WORLD  
 THROUGH CHRISTMAS CAROLS, DECORATIONS, ARTIFACTS, FOOD STALLS,  
 DANCES, COSTUMES AND MANY MORE

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT DELIA ON 021 064 1868  
 OR EMAIL [PHILCULSPT@GMAIL.COM](mailto:PHILCULSPT@GMAIL.COM)

Christchurch City Council



Eastside Football Academy has been formed by local NZF Qualified coach Darren Clements to give access to quality coaching for all skill levels of local footballers.

- Programmes for Boys and Girls
- Next programmes starts on 7 & 9 January
- Covering age groups from 6 to 12
- Spaces are limited!
- Held @ Clare Park - Burwood
- Website – [www.eastsidefootballacademy.com](http://www.eastsidefootballacademy.com)

If interested please contact Darren on 027 272 3172.



**CASPA** After School & Holiday Programme

CASPA Pre Xmas and January Holiday Programmes are now open for bookings.  
 Please book online via [caspa.aimyplus.com](http://caspa.aimyplus.com)

We provide a safe, creative environment for 5-13 year olds  
 Our leaders are trained

A range of fun activities  
 Kids just LOVE it!

8am-3pm short session  
 8am-6pm long session

**Subsidies Apply**

**CALL US NOW!**  
 p: 03 349 9260 or 027 352 1638 e: [info@caspa.org.nz](mailto:info@caspa.org.nz) w: [www.caspa.org.nz](http://www.caspa.org.nz)

Creative After School Programmed Activities



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**KELLY SPORTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

Bookings for our upcoming Kelly Sports Holiday Programmes at Hillview Christian School and Hillmorton High School are now available online. The focus of our Programmes is to ensure kids are active throughout with a great mixture of games and activities to suit everyone. WINZ Subsidies are available for families that qualify and we have options of Half Day sessions, School Day sessions and Full Day sessions available.

To register and for more information please visit [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) and search for your venue of choice or contact Steve on [steve@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:steve@kellysports.co.nz) for more information